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The amendment filed on December 24, 2002 canceling the subject matter of the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a new invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention. The originally presented and elected claims were drawn to methods for detecting the presence of a polynucleotide sequence encoding a telomerase wherein the method comprised hybridizing a sample suspected of containing SEQ ID NO: 100 with a nucleic acid having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 100 and detecting a hybridization complex between the polynucleotide and nucleic acid. However, the presently pending claims are drawn to a new and distinct invention that involves determining the nucleotide sequence of a polynucleotide and comparing this sequence with telomerase motifs 0, 1, 2, and 3 and determining if a sample contains a polynucleotide encoding a telomerase if the determined sequence contains motifs 0, 1, 2 and 3.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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